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## **Virginia Educators Honored for Technology Leadership** ***Bedford Technology Director Received State Award***

The Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) recently honored eight outstanding educators for their advocacy and use of educational technology in the commonwealth's public schools. The awards were presented during the department's Educational Technology Leadership Conference, Dec. 5-7.

The Educational Technology Leadership Award, presented annually, acknowledges outstanding school division leadership in education technology planning and implementation. Division superintendents in each of the department's eight study regions select individuals for the award. Recipients are chosen because of their success in helping school divisions improve teaching and learning through the use of instructional media and technology. The 2007 winners are:

- Christopher Baugh, technology integrator for Suffolk City Public Schools, Region 2
- Dr. Lynda Gillespie, director of instructional technology for Chesterfield County Public Schools, Region 1
- Victor M. Gosnell, director of technology for Bedford County Public Schools, Region 5
- Shirley Harper, director of technology for Page County Public Schools, Region 4
- Dr. Oliver A. McBride, retired superintendent for Carroll County Public Schools, Region 7
- Sean P. Sharp, instructional technology teacher for Floyd County Public Schools, Region 6
- Freddie Terry, director of technology for Brunswick County Public Schools, Region 8
- Nancy Welch, instructional technology resource teacher for Mathews County Public Schools, Region 3.

Gosnell was also recognized with the 2007 State Educational Technology Leadership Award.

The 2007 Educational Technology Leadership Award was presented to Joyce Faye White, an educational technology specialist with VDOE, for her role in encouraging effective integration of technology into teaching and learning. The annual award goes to a Commonwealth of Virginia employee for supporting educational technology.

The Virginia Educational Technology Advisory Committee (VETAC), which advises the Virginia Board of Education on educational technology, also presented its 2007 VETAC Leadership Award to current chairman John Littlefield of Suffolk City Public Schools. The award is presented to individuals who have demonstrated strong leadership both statewide and in their participation as a member of VETAC.

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